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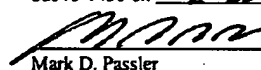
Group Art Unit: 1771

For: **POROUS SILICON CARBIDE SINTER AND SILICON CARBIDE-METAL  
COMPOSITE THAT ARE OPTIMAL FOR A WAFER GRINDER TABLE**

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Sir:

Pursuant to the Duty to Disclose under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, the references cited on the accompanying form PTO/SB/08A are hereby brought to the attention of the Examiner for independent evaluation. In accordance with the Rules in effect for applications filed after June 30, 2003, copies of U.S. patents and/or patent application publications are not enclosed. Copies of the foreign references are enclosed, along with English language abstracts. Applicants note that U.S. Patent No. 4,846,673, which is the English-language equivalent of European Patent No. 0322998, was cited in a previously filed IDS. The references were cited during prosecution of a corresponding Japanese Patent Application and a corresponding European patent application. Copies of the Search Report prepared by the European Patent Office and the Office Action prepared by the Japanese Patent Office are also enclosed, which satisfies the requirement for a concise explanation of foreign-language references.

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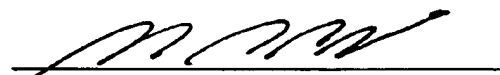
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